

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Hai-ching* leaves for Swatow.
Auctions.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 6, Cameron Villas, The Peak.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Chuen* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, October 19.—
11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department.

Goods per *Athena* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, October 21.—
Goods per *Ming-ho*, *Bie-piehien* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

TUESDAY, October 23.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

SATURDAY, October 27.—
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the City Hall.

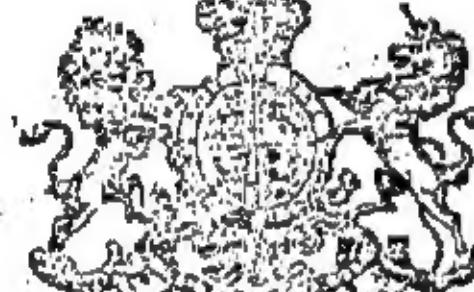
THURSDAY, November 1.—
Second Call of \$8 per Share of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., due.

Opium Quotations.

| HONGKONG, October 17, 1890: | |
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| New Patna, cash..... | 985,000. |
| Old Patna, cash..... | 907,070. |
| New Barnes, cash..... | — |
| Old Barnes, credit..... | 840. |
| Alluvium, credit..... | — |
| Lau Yip, credit..... | — |
| Alluvium, Taels..... | — |
| Old Malwa, credit..... | 910. |
| Alluvium, Taels..... | 880. |
| Persian, Oily, cash..... | — |
| Alluvium, Taels..... | — |
| Persian, Papered long..... | 550,870. |
| Alluvium, Taels..... | — |

Exchange.

| HONGKONG, October 17, 1890. | |
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| On London— | 2.018 |
| Bank Wks. | 2.018 |
| On demand..... | 2.014 |
| 30 days' sight..... | 2.014 |
| 4 months' sight..... | 2.014 |
| Creditors, 4 months' sight..... | 2.014 |
| Documentary, 4 months' sight..... | 2.014 |
| On Paris— | 2.001 |
| On demand..... | 2.001 |
| Creditors, 4 months' sight..... | 2.001 |
| On New York— | 2.12 |
| On demand..... | 2.12 |
| Creditors, 60 days' sight..... | 501 |
| On London— | 1053. |
| Wire..... | 1053. |
| On demand..... | 1053. |
| Cadetts..... | 155. |
| Wire..... | 155. |
| On demand..... | 155. |
| On Singapore— | 155. |
| On demand..... | 155. |
| On Manila— | 12% p.m. |
| On demand..... | 12% p.m. |
| 30 days' sight, (private paper)..... | 72. |
| On Yokohama— | 1% dis. |
| On demand..... | 80.75. |
| Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)..... | \$8.90. |
| Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)..... | 20% |
| Silver (per oz.)..... | 20% |



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DEATH.

At No. 4, Mountain View, Peak, Hongkong, on the 17th instant, at 13.45 P.M.—DORRENDA SARAH (Dorn), the beloved wife of John William Jones, Acting Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court. Aged 35 years.

To the publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1890.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Reinforcements for the Squadron.

The cruiser *Adriatic* and the torpedo boat destroyer *Juno* which left Singapore on Saturday will be an effective reinforcement for the British squadron in these waters. The *Adriatic* is a second-class cruiser of 4,360 tons, with an indicated horse-power of 10,000 and carrying 10 guns.

She is in command of Captain A.-W. Paige, C.M.G. The torpedo boat destroyer *Juno*, of 28 tons displacement and 3000 I.H.P., carrying 6 guns. She is commanded by Lieut. Commander R. G. Corbett.

Presentation.

Yesterday evening the overseers in the Public Works and some other friends met together in the house of Mr. Carroll, to pay their respects to Mr. Wildley, who is leaving for home on holiday after seven years' service. Mr. Carroll in a short speech said that as Mr. Wildley was leaving from next day on a well-earned holiday his comrades in the P.W.D. and friends had asked him to meet them in order to present him with a souvenir of the cause and respect with which he was held. In handing over a handsome service-sabre, Mr. Carroll trusted Mr. Wildley would thoroughly recompense during his absence and return with renewed health and strength at the expiration of his leave. Mr. Wildley, in response, said that he wished to thank all his friends for their respects to Mr. Wildley, who is leaving for home on holiday after seven years' service and said that he was taken aback to think that he was held in so high regard by the members of the different Government departments. He was pleased to have such a nice tea service for his wife, and hoped that if he could only recruit his health he would return to see all his friends in good health. He said he was going home after eleven years' service and was leaving with the best wishes of all in his department. He had tried to act to all he wished them to act towards himself, and he was glad to see servants had been appreciated.

The New Wharf.

The new Puddar's Wharf is to be opened about the 1st of November. Owing to the inflated state of the building trade the work has been delayed. It was commenced about the beginning of this year on designs prepared by the eminent firm of Sir John Coode, Son & Mathew, of London, and supervised by the officers of the Praya Reclamation Works, and every means has been taken to push forward the work to a rapid completion. It is expected that the ceremony of declaring the pier open will be performed by His Excellency the Governor, but so far no definite arrangement has been come to. The structure, which is by far the most massive and substantial of the kind in the Colony, is 200 feet long by 43 feet wide, and is mainly built of iron prefabricated from a stone abutment—outward—the "line" of the Praya. There are ten bays, each twenty feet apart, and offering the least possible resistance to tide or typhoon. There are two landing platforms on either side, with two flights of steps from each, and people ascending or descending are protected from overbalancing by strong iron guards. A peculiar feature of the structure is that the piles instead of being of solid iron as is usual in erections of the kind, are hollow and are built up in segments, while the stings sink into the ground more solid. A good deal of difficulty was experienced in founding the structure on account of the soft rubble bed originally laid down and which was intended as the foundation for a stone pier. This had to be leveled and partly cut away and consequently necessitated a considerable amount of digging work. Now that the job is completed all join in expressing the opinion that it is an exceedingly substantial structure, suited for the growing demands of the Colony and certainly a credit to the designers, the engineers and all who have had a hand in its erection. The constructing engineers were Messrs Kinghorn and Macdonald.

Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil can be taken during the warm season with benefit, as the astringent effect of Cod Liver Oil or its Emulsion is done away with by artichokes, white turnips and leeks from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

Vessels At The Docks.—At Kowloon—U.S.S. Monterey, Canton River, Gwaeloo, Admiralty, Eliza Rossall, Eighteen Gunners—Stanfield.

Aberdeen—None.

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TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Loxpos, 15th October.

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GERMAN COALING STATION IN THE RED SEA.

The Sultan of Turkey has leased to Germany for 20 years, the island of Uraon, in the Red Sea, near Kamaran, as a coaling station.

THE BLACK FLAGS RETURNING.

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THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Oct. 17, 1.55 a.m.

Li Hung Chang has informed M. Delcasse, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, that the Black Flags and Kwangtung rebels would make a capture and then report asking whether the prisoners should be sent to Chinanfu for trial or not; but Governor Yuan would merely scribble his rescript on the back of the dispatch with the words: "Execute on the spot." No necessity hereof of sending them to capital for trial, as they are rebels, who have been now all enrolled and are being armed as quickly as his supplies arrive from the South. It is computed that Governor Yuan Shih-kai has since May last summarily executed no less than 4,000 Boxers, having never pardoned a single man. His subordinates would make a capture and then report asking whether the prisoners should be sent to Chinanfu for trial or not; but Governor Yuan would merely scribble his rescript on the back of the dispatch with the words: "Execute on the spot." 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